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Vets charge 'scapegoat' conspiracy by White House

Special to the Daily World

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 1 — John Musgrave, a national spokesman for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, charged today that the Nixon Administration was using the conspiracy trial here of the "Gainesville Eight" in its own "struggle for survival."

Musgrave, at a news conference, cited two FBI agents who were found using a broom closet as a listening post to spy on defense attorneys and their clients. This, he said, was further evidence of the Nixon Administration's pressure at the trial.

"The VVAW-Winter Soldier organization is on the top of the White House enemies list," Musgrave said, "because we dare to tell the truth about war crimes in Vietnam."

U.S. District Court Judge Winton Arnow, trial judge for the Gainesville Eight, this morning denied a defense motion for an evidentiary hearing on the FBI agents' arsenal of listening devices as discovered yesterday.

Defense attorneys had submitted a petition Monday for a writ of mandamus demanding that Judge Arnow rescind a rule prohibiting the defendants, their attorneys and "all those interested in the case from making any public statement during the course of the trial."

Musgrave noted the contradiction between this gag rule imposed on the defendants and the license given by the judge to the government "to monitor even our private conversations."

He charged that the Nixon Administration was "out to smash our ogranization" on phony grounds of inciting violence at the Republican national convention because "we continue to tell the truth about the Vietnam war."

"We are walking, talking Pentagon Papers," he said. "Just as the Nixon Administration tried to get Ellsberg through burglary and attempted to bribe the trial judge with an FBI directorship, they will stop at nothing in this trial to frame us."

Bart Savage, another spokesman for the VVAW, called on "all Americans who are concerned with preserving the U.S. Constitution to oppose these latest actions of the Nixon Administration."

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INFORMER CITES VETERANS' MEMO

lut Convention Plan Had No Scheme on Provocation

By JOHN KIFNER
Special to The New York Times

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 21 – A Government informer, a netime chief confidant of the lleged ringleader of a plot to isrupt the Republican Nation- l Convention last summer, estified today that the only lans he knew of were in a let- er urging peaceful demonstra- ons with some provisions for self-defense."

Under cross examination, the B.I. informer, Emerson L. Poe, iid the only convention plans heard from Scott Camel, a ifendant, were laid out in a ewsletter of the Vietnam Vet- ans Against the War that ade no mention of a scheme provide the police with ashots while simultaneously uncning rifle and homemade omb attacks in Miami, as the overnment charges.

That newsletter mentions the ossible use of powerful sling- ots, homemade bolo's and amonia-filled balloons, saying at these would be "defensive" easures against an attack by e police. But the rest of the wsletter is filled with cau- ons that violence would play to the hands of the Nixon iministration.

About Democrats

The newsletter, which was ad to members of the jury, as written about the Demo- atic, not the Republican con- ntion. Seven antiwar veterans d a supporter are accused of otting to disrupt the Repub- an convention.

Mr. Poe, who was the Florida ate coordinator of the Viet- m veterans organization and ought by Mr. Camil to be "best friend," testified that took the original newsletter the Federal Bureau of In- stigation, which then ran off copies for distribution to the terans.

He was chairman of a meet- of Florida veterans to dis- s the newsletter's sugges- June 15, 1972, two weeks after the Memorial Day meeting at which the Government charges the alleged plot was hatched.

The defense also succeeded in introducing into evidence two forms, signed by Mr. Poe, authorizing two of the defense attorneys, Nancy Stearns and Doris Peterson, to represent him during the grand jury hearings on the case in July, 1972.

Mr. Poe had at first denied signing any authorization, but then said he remembered signing one paper after he was released from the subpoena, making him party to a suit against the grand jury procedure.

'Invasion' Charged

The defense has charged that Mr. Poe, an F.B.I. informer since January, 1972, had "invaded" the defense camp, first at the grand jury hearings, then through his supposed friendship with Mr. Cahill. The Government has denied the allegations.

During a court hearing at the time of the grand jury, Guy L. Goodwin, the Justice Department prosecutor who brought the indictment, swore that a list of clients, including Mr. Poe, represented by a group of the victims' lawyers, contained no Government agents or informers.

As he completed his cross-examination, Morton Stavis, a defense attorney, tracing Mr. Poe's relationship with Mr. Camil in his office in the V.V.A.W., asked "Wasn't it clear to you that the only plans for Miami is the plan that appeared in prosecution exhibit 4 [the newsletter]?"

"Yes sir, I believe it is," Mr. Poe replied.

Regarding slingshots, the memo says:

"We also recognize the right of collective self-defense if we are placed in a position of receiving extreme or unlawful physical danger to ourselves or have grown enough in strength in deterring obnoxious police brutality. We have a supply of some extremely well-made slingshots that have proven themselves. It is best to send for them now, or send in your orders and money and we will be able to give them to you when you come down. Marbles, ballbearings and lead weights are extremely effective defensive projectiles."

More Witnesses

Late this afternoon, the prosecution put on in succession a Midwestern slingshot manufacturer, a shipping clerk, a United Parcel Service employe and a banker to prove that 60 slingshots had been ordered, shipped to and paid for by the Wang Dang Doodle, a hippie boutique and waterbed store manager by one of the defendants, John K. Briggs.

Charles A. Saunders, president of Saunders Archery Company in Columbus, Neb., brought sales slips. Henry A. Shillings, a United Parcel Service division manager, brought delivery forms. Albert A. Barnhart, a vice president of the First National Bank of Gainesville, brought a canceled check.

Leonard Tarnick, a Saunders shipping clerk, came with three cardboard boxes, which he said the F.B.I. had requested him to make up as similar to those in which the slingshots were packed.

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Trial Impasse

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—The defense yesterday demanded to see more government interviews that might discredit the testimony of an FBI informer in the Gainesville Eight conspiracy trial.

The move delayed further testimony by Emerson L. Poe against eight members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. They are charged with plotting violence during the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

Legal arguments in the judge's chambers centered on what material the prosecution must give the defense under a law that requires the government to give defendants copies of FBI and Justice Department interviews with a prospective witness in certain cases.

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Government Near End of Case Against Veterans in Plot Trial

By JOHN KIFNER
Special to The New York Times

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 24—The Government, after 10 days, tentatively rested its case today in the trial of seven antiwar veterans and a supporter charged with plotting an assault on the Republican National Convention.

Asserting that it's been a long trial," the prosecutor, Jack Carrouth, told Federal District Judge Winston E. Arnow, "We might have one more little bit of evidence or so. We've got to figure on it," over the weekend.

The apparent end of the prosecution's presentation came after a key police undercover agent underwent a slashing, sarcastic cross-examination by the defense.

The undercover man, Sgt. Harrison Crenshaw of the Dade County Department of Public Safety, and his patrner, Sgt. Gerald Rudolph, infiltrated the Miami chapter of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War in the late spring of 1972.

In a little under an hour of direct testimony yesterday afternoon, Sergeant Crenshaw, a black narcotics detective, told of alleged discussions of violence by members of the veterans group.

Many Questions Barred

This morning, the composed policeman faced a barrage of questions from Larry Turner, a 29-year-old local lawyer with brown hair curling over his ears, who developed an aggressive courtroom style as an assistant county prosecutor.

Many of the questions were ruled out of order and some came so fast that the witness did not bave a chance to answer. They appeared designed to raise doubts io the minds of the jury.

"Sounds a little far-fetched, doesn't it," Mr. Turner shot at the witness at one point.

Referring to Mr. Crenshaw's previous testimony about plans for attacking the police, Mr. Turner asked, "What were they going to do? Shoot them with tommy guns, bazooka them and then throw rancid pig's blood at them?"

In his testimony for the prosecution, Mr. Crenshaw had said that, almost as soon as they met, Alton Foss, a defendant, asked bim "if he knew any black militant vets who were ready to tear up Miami."

A Slingshot Displayed

Mr. Foss, the Miami V.V.A.W. coordinator, once said that the group's plans for the Miami convention "did not exclude violence," Sergeant Crenshaw went on. Mr. Foss, he said, had talked of having access to antitank guns and of buying rifles and cases of hand grenades by selling marijuana. Another defendant, Donald Perdue, had talked of blowing up underwater telephone cable, Sergeant Crenshaw said.

After eliciting testimony that none of the defendants had shown sergeant Crenshaw an antitank rifle, Thompson submachine gun, explosives or other weaponry mentioned in his previous statements, Mr. Turner pulled a wrist rocket slingshot from the exhibit pile by the clerk's desk and waved it, saying, "Just slingshots, right?"

He left the slingshot standing prominently on his lectern until Judge Arnow told him to return it.

Referring to the Government's charges of plans for attacks on the police and buildings with slingshots, rifles, crossbows and homemade firebombs, Mr. Turner asked: "Isn't it true that none of that happeoed?"

"That's immaterial," objected Mr. Carrouth, the prosecutor.

"Immaterial?" shouted Mr. Turner.

The defense attorney asked whether beer, wine and marijuana were consumed freely at various gatherings of the antiwar group. Sergeant Crenshaw denied this but said he had had to "simulate" the smoking of a marijuana joint.

"I could not ingest any of that and be in complete control of my faculties. As an undercover policeman my life could have been in jeopardy as well as my partner at any time and I would not bave dared to accept any of that in my body," the policeman testified.

When Mr. Turner asked him if he had felt in danger, Sergeant Crenshaw replied that he had been told that "we had kidnapped a fellow and hid him in a cabin in the Ozarks."

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8 Veterans Set Trial Offensive

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (UPI) — The Gainesville 8 defendants this week will try to prove a "mod squad" of government informers sought to foment violence among the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

The defense is expected to ask U.S. District Judge Winston Arnow for a directed verdict of acquittal today when the government rests its case against the eight men accused of conspiring to disrupt the 1972 Republican National Convention.

The judge has set two hours for each side for arguments, apparently anticipating a defense motion that he throw the case out of court. If the motion is denied, the defense is expected to take another two to three weeks to present its case.

The key government witnesses have been six FBI or Florida law enforcement agency informers who infiltrated the anti-war veterans organization.

With three of the pony-tailed defendants—Scott Camil, John Kniffin and William J. Patterson—acting as their own lawyers, the defense has tried to show the infiltrators were "agent provocateurs," agitating the others to violence in hopes of discrediting the veterans group.

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Viet Vets Defense Rests Case

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GAINESVILLE, Fla.—The defense in the Gainesville Eight conspiracy trial rested its case yesterday after calling only one witness—an explosives expert.

The jurors, who have been sequestered for most of the month-long trial, smiled when attorneys for eight members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War announced the conclusion of their case.

U.S. District Court Judge Winston E. Arnow commented, "This trial has come to a conclusion a lot more rpaidly than I had anticipated."

The defense presentation had been expected to take several weeks.

The government presented 27 witnesses in more than three weeks of testimony. The prosecution also rested its case yesterday, and closing arguments were scheduled for today.

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Ex-FBI Operative Tells of Vet[illegible]

By Timothy [illegible]
Washington Post Staff Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla., Aug. 15—A former leader of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War testified today that he had been an FBI "intelligence operative" for the past two years, with the agency paying him on a regular basis for attending VVAW meetings across the country.

Charles Henry Becker III, now a department store detective in New Orleans, made the disclosure in the trial of eight VVAW members charged with conspiracy to riot at the 1972 Republican National Convention in Miami Beach.

Today's testimony and cross-examination was marked by frequent comments directed at defense attorneys by U. S. District Court Judge Winston E. Arnow, who threatened all of them with contempt citations at one point because they participated with defendants in a standing, minute-long observation of silence after the jury was called in this morning to draw attention to the end of the bombing in Cambodia.

As the day progressed, Arnow refused to allow the defense attorneys to question Becker about any agreements that were made at planning sessions during which the riot plans were allegedly discussed. The defense contends that such agreements would have to be formal, "more than just a bull session," for the defendants to be convicted on a conspiracy count.

"This is the heart of the charge," said defense attorney Morton Stavis.

"If we can't defend ourselves against the indictment——" began defendant William Patterson, before he was ordered by the judge to "sit down." The judge then told Patterson and Sta[illegible] [illegible] may be forced to take "further action" if they persisted in arguing with him.

[illegible] attorneys were called to the bench by Judge Arnow at a mid-morning recess concerning their participation in the demonstration. He told marshals to "use force, if necessary" to make sure that the attorneys came forward.

The judge asked the attorneys to explain why they participated in the silent 60-second demonstration, and to tell him whether they had advance knowledge of the protest.

"The court is suggesting that if I answer that question, I should be prepared for a contempt citation," defense attorney Larry Turner said. [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] the [illegible] their [illegible] right against [illegible] tion.

"This is a question of [illegible] tempt, not the Fifth [illegible] ment," Arnow snapped [illegible] However, after upbraiding the attorneys for what [illegible] conduct, Arnow said [illegible] would "let the matter drop."

Becker, without a bushy beard that he wore while a VVAW member, calmly recounted the various sessions at which he said the defendants proposed illegal, violent acts. Much of his testimony was in narrative [illegible] interrupted only by [illegible] ant U.S. Attorney Jack [illegible] routh asking, "What next [illegible]

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Burning of McCord Items Recounted

By Jack Anderson

ews accounts of this week ort that a CIA operative d by while Mrs. James Mc- d, wife of the Waterbugger, ned papers following the ar- of her husband inside the ergate.

e have now learned that e were two incinerations in McCord fireplace. The first indeed, caused smoke dam- after the damper closed and smoke billowed through the e.

A consultant Lee Penning- attended the second burn- He swears that Ruth Mc- burned only old magazine les, letters and clippings not any Watergate-related ments. Two folders with material in them, one ly retirement papers, were t when he saw them, he s.

two days earlier, we have learned, she destroyed a e of old typewriter ribbons fireplace. These had been ved by McCord, an ex-CIA , from President Nixon's aign headquarters.

expert could determine the ribbons what had been on the typewriters. Be- the ribbons fouled the aign committee's famous ders, McCord had taken home in paper bags to de-

When he was arrested during the Watergate break-in, his loyal wife was worried over what to do with the bag stuffed with typewriter ribbons. She decided to incinerate them in the fireplace, rather than leave them in the trash for the FBI to find.

Pennington told us he didn't learn until later about the burning of the typewriter ribbons. He saw the smoke damage but assumed it had been caused by the second fire, he said.

Like a good agent, he reported the burning to the CIA. His secret report, which he insists was badly garbled by the time the CIA got it into memo form, lay in CIA files for 18 months until it was turned up by a CIA employee a few weeks ago. The CIA then turned it over to Watergate investigators.

They seem satisfied no papers were burned in the second fire that tied the CIA to the Watergate break-in, as they had originally suspected. But they wonder what evidence, if any, was destroyed on the typewriter ribbons.

Footnote: The CIA refused comment. Pennington spoke candidly with us of his visit to the McCord home. McCord's attorney, Bernard Fensterwald, confirmed that our account of the incident was "basically correct."

MYSTERY CONGRESSMAN: Attorney General William B. Saxbe titillated reporters recently by telling them about a mystery congressman who came to him seeking clearance for Jimmy Hoffa to engage in Teamster union politics.

We have now been able to identify Hoffa's mysterious errand boy as Rep. Larry Williams (R-Pa.). Our sources say Williams not only approached Saxbe but buttonholed President Nixon at a White House Christmas party.

The irrepressible Hoffa, whose prison sentence for jury tampering was commuted by the President, is eager to regain his old post as Teamsters chief. The government claims his presidential pardon bars him from involvement in Teamsters politics, but Hoffa insists that it became unconditional after March 10, 1973.

To press Hoffa's case, Williams sought an appointment on Feb. 4 with Saxbe and showed up with a Hoffa ally, Al Cohen. Earlier, Williams twice cornered President Nixon and talked to him about Hoffa at a Christmas party. Sources with direct knowledge of the incident tell us that, the second time, the President told Williams with some irritation: "Larry, I got your message."

Williams denied to us that he Hoffa but confirmed he attended the party. Williams also confirmed that "a representative of the Teamsters union, Al Cohen, asked me to set up a meeting" with the Attorney General.

A spokesman for the Attorney General told us that Saxbe was unaware that the congressman was bringing Cohen along.

HOT MESSAGE: As evidence that the snooper mentality is still strong inside the government, the Veterans Administration on March 22 relayed a secret message over its hot line to regional directors to report to Washington "any intelligence" about possible veterans' demonstrations.

"Some information has been received," states the message, "to the effect that the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Winter Volunteers Organization and similar organizations may demonstrate at VA hospitals and regional offices on or around March 29.

"Confrontations may [illegible] regard to amnesty [illegible] ing of military [illegible] may include [illegible] and sit-ins ... Any [illegible] gathered should be [illegible] Mr. Bill [illegible] phone ...

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Veterans' Protest Broken Up

Seven members of the California-based American Veterans Movement, four of them in wheelchairs, occupied the top of the Washington Monument for about an hour yesterday to protest "disgraceful conditions" in veterans hospitals and to call attention to the "national veterans crisis."

After the demonstrators were removed from the monument, one of them apparently semiconscious, the veterans called a press conference and angrily alleged that two U.S. park policemen used unnecessary violence in dislodging them.

Speaking from a wheelchair with an American flag draped over his knees, Ron Kovic, an ex-Marine who led the group, said, "The police punched me in the face and threw me on the ground. I can't believe it happened."

His voice often rising to a hoarse shout, Kovic, who is paralyzed from the waist down, told the assembled crowd of newspaper and television reporters, "This is Honor Vietnam Veterans Day, and they beat up three veterans and threw them out of their wheelchairs."

The veterans went to the monument after a "frustrating" and unsuccessful attempt to see President Nixon at the White House yesterday morning, Kovic said.

Park police officials said they have called for all officers involved in the incident to submit individual reports. Capt. Milton Lomax said that no full investigation is under way because the veterans did not lodge official complaints of misconduct.

Capt. James C. Lindsey, the senior officer in charge in the incident, said the veterans went up in a maintenance elevator as would regular tourists.

"Then when the elevator operator went to retrieve the group, one of the veterans in a wheelchair said they were taking over the elevator, that it was a peaceful demonstration and she (the operator) should leave," Lindsey said.

The operator told the dozen tourists present to descend by the stairs, and she followed, Lindsey said.

When the officiers arrived at the top of the stairs, Lindsey said, the veterans had the key to the elevator.

"And one of the veterans in a wheelchair had a small scuffle," said Lindsey, "when he tried to push an officer down the stairway."

The veterans told a different version at their press conference.

One of the officers threw a metal chair at ex-marine Bill Unger when he was lying on the ground suffering an epileptic seizure brought on by the earlier violence, Kovic alleged.

Unger, with a possible head injury, and an ex-Army paraplegic named John Adams, with a suspected foot injury, were taken to George Washington Hospital. A spokesman later said X-rays and examinations disclosed no injury to either men, and they were released "in good condition."

Kovic denied the police contention that they took the key to the elevator.

He also singled out two policemen, with badge numbers 377 and 382, as being responsible for the alleged incidents of kicking and punching and said other officers were friendly.

Park police officials said two police privates with those badge numbers, Douglas M. Schifferle and Calvin A. Barg, were among the group of four or five officers who first made contact with the protesters.

Schiferle, himself a Vietnam veteran, said the allegations of violence were false. "I didn't see anyone strike or kick anyone," he said.

A Washington Post reporter overheard the officers talking before they walked up the monument steps to remove the protesters. One smiling officer said, "Let's go up there and get them out." Another queried a sergeant, "You want us to use sticks and all that good stuff?"

Under a sergeant's direction, the men went up the monument without waiting for Lindsey, the officer in charge of the special operations division. Lindsey said the officers, all privates, moved in advance of his arrival and "stabilized the situation."

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Wary GIs Take Sour View of Day in Their Honor

Viet Vets Press for Jobs, Tuition Aid

Vietnam Veterans Are Not Impressed

By William Greider
Washington Post Staff Writer

There will be a modest military parade at Ft. McNair and a big luncheon today at one of the downtown hotels, and the mayor of Washington has issued a proclamation. It's "Honor Vietnam Veterans Day."

Only a bunch of Vietnam veterans are in town with a sour view of the celebration in their honor. It's not parades or proclamations, but jobs and hard cash for college that they are after.

"I think it's a farce," said Tod Berg, the veterans coordinator at Montgomery Community College. "It's a little political play to take the heat off and now they're catching some heat anyway."

"I don't want to sound too cynical," said Jim Mayer, a legless veteran who heads the National Association of Concerned Veterans, but it looked like it was going to be a few speeches, some banquets, one or two parades, that kind of thing. But the tables have been turned. We're trying to make it much more constructive—to emphasize the high unemployment and inadequate benefits."

On a few street corners, a veterans group from the University of Massachusetts will be selling apples to make its point—a symbolic reminder of the World War veterans who marched on Washington for bonuses. Another bunch from Staten Island plans a box-lunch picnic in Lafayette Park across from the White House.

The main interest of the visitors, however, is lobbying Congress, which started the whole business with a resolution designating March 29 as "Honor Vietnam Veterans Day." The one-time nonholiday was meant to compensate for the emotional fanfare showered last year on 566 returning prisoners of war while the nation virtually ignored the other 2.5 million men who served in Vietnam.

One of the driving forces behind the idea was the National Honor Vietnam Veterans Committee, the creation of a wealthy Philadelphian, Gay Pitcairn Pendleton, who felt that all veterans deserve a warmer reception from the nation they served.

Mrs. Pendleton's committee is sponsoring a luncheon for 700 today at the Washington Hilton where the speakers will include several veterans talking about their homecoming.

"They are very, very sincere, conservative, people who are very committed to all veterans," said Forrest Lindley of the Vietnam Veterans Center, once an anti-war activist himself. "I think they're a lot more sincere than Congress or the White House."

President Nixon, whose administration has been catching some flak from the veterans because of late checks and inadequate benefits, will appear at the Ft. McNair ceremony with Mrs. Nixon. The Military District of Washington has planned a joint military ceremony for 11:30 a.m., but the event is not open to the public.

Last night, Vice President Ford made an appearance at the South Vietnam embassy's reception honoring American veterans. Ford and Ambassador Tran Kim Phuong each offered salutory remarks.

On Capitol Hill, however, the veterans are talking about hard dollars. Congress has raised GI educational benefits twice since 1969, but the young men still complain that it's not anything like what the nation did for their fathers returning from World War II.

"I think basically the public isn't aware that we aren't getting a fair shake," said Brian McDonnell, a veterans counselor at Richmond Community College on Staten Island. "There's been an alienation between Vietnam vets and the older vets. The Vietnam war was basically unpopular all around and I think Vietnam veterans have been hesitent to take any action.

"Coming back to school is really traumatic. The school is very radical to other students. The veteran is not put in a position of respect. He's made to feel almost ashamed."

Four World War II vets who all went to college on the GI bill held a press conference yesterday to attack the inequities of the present program for Vietnam era veterans. They are all U.S. senators now of varying ideological hue—George McGovern, [illegible]

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Govern of South Dakota, Bob Dole of Kansas, Daniel K. Inouye of Hawaii and Charles McC. Mathias of Maryland. They are pushing a broad measure to provide direct tuition payments to meet rising college costs, plus an increase in monthly benefits, plus a work-study program.

"It's not a philosophical matter, as you might guess, seeing the four of us here," said Dole, who remembered fussing at the Truman administration over GI benefits when he was a young veteran.

McGovern was more specific in his complaint: "In place of a tuition payment system, the administration has given the young veteran a special day set aside to honor their courage and sacrifice."

By coincidence, the Veterans Administration benefits director, Odell W. Vaughn, was appearing before a House subcommittee yesterday, asserting that the administration is "unalterably opposed" to any tuition supplements.

Vaughn insisted that Vietnam veterans—or the majority of them, anyway—are better off than World War II veterans, a claim which drew a derisive rebuttal from Rep. Henry Helstoski (D-N.J.), the subcommittee chairman.

In the old days, a single veteran got a monthly living allowance of $75 and, regardless of where he went to school, the government paid the whole bill whether it was Harvard or Podunk. Now the Veteran gets $220 a month and that has to cover everything—tuition, books, fees and his living expenses.

The House has passed a bill providing a $30 increase and the Senate is considering a more generous increase. The administration's position is that any increase exceeding 8 per cent—or about $18—would be "inflationary."

Vaughn argued that the tuition vouchers of up to $600 proposed by Rep. William F. Walsh (R-N.Y.) would create the same abuses which scandalized the VA after World War II when some colleges jacked up their fees in order to collect more cash from the crop of government-sponsored veterans.

McGovern argued at his press conference that the current payments, when measured in constant dollars, add up to half of what the World War II vet could buy. One result is that fewer veterans can afford anything more expensive than low-cost public schools.

Inouye, who lost an arm in World War II, spoke to the emotional discontent which lies behind the issue.

"The pain suffered by the man in Guadalcanal and the man in Germany, by the man at Inchon and the one in the highlands of Vietnam was just about the same. The caliber of the bullets may have been different, but the pain was just about the same."

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Gainesville 8 Sues Government for Rights Violation

VIETNAM VETERANS against the WAR

By DAVE REDDICK
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Sun Staff Writers

Attorneys for the so-called Gainesville Eight filed suit today in federal court in Washington D.C., charging the government conspired to violate the civil rights of their clients.

And in accusing their accusers, the eight defendants, acquitted by a Gainesville jury on Aug. 31, 1973, of charges they conspired to violently disrupt the 1972 GOP convention in Miami Beach, and two supporters ask that a special prosecutor be named to seek indictments against three federal prosecutors and a Gainesville FBI agent.

The suit asks for more than $1.5 million in damages, including $100,000 punitive damages and $50,000 compensatory damages for each of the ten plaintiffs. The suit also seeks reimbursement for the Gainesville Eight for their legal costs in the year-and-a-half battle over the original conspiracy indictments.

The suit charges U.S. Justice Department Special Prosecutor Guy Goodwin lied in a hearing during grand jury proceedings in Tallahassee in July, x972, when asked whether any jury witnesses represented by attorneys who would later represent the Gainesville Eight were undercover agents. One of those on the list, a confidant of defen-

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dant Scott Camil, turned up at the trial as an FBI informer.

Named as defendants in the civil rights action are Goodwin; William H. Stafford Jr., U.S. Attorney for the northern district of Florida; Stuart "Jack" Carrouth, an assistant prosecutor to Stafford, and the chief trial prosecutor in the Gainesville Eight case; and Gainesville resident FBI special agent Claude Meadow.

The main point of the suit involves government informant Emerson Poe who appeared as a surprise witness in mid-trial. Poe, an employe of the Veterans Administration Hospital, said during the trial he was paid by Meadow for periodic reports on defendant Scott Camil.

Camil said he considered Poe a "close friend" until the day he took the stand against him. Poe's appearance brought an immediate demand for a mistrial which was denied by Federal District Court Judge Winston Arnow.

The attorneys claimed Poe invaded the defense camp, serving as a leak to Goodwin, Stafford, Carrouth and Meadow.

In the suit filed today, the attorneys claim Goodwin lied under oath on July 13, 1972 in answer to a direct question by Judge David L. Middlebrooks.

Attached to the complaint is a transcript of the question.

"Mr. Goodwin, are any of these witnesses represented by counsel agents or informants of the United States of America?" Middlebrooks asked.

"No, your honor," Goodwin answered.

The day before, attorney Doris Peterson told Middlebrooks she was representing Poe.

In addition to Camil, the other members of the Gainesville Eight were: John Briggs and Stanley K. Michelsen Jr. both of Gainesville, Peter P. Mahoney, New York City, John Knifflin, Austin, Tex., William Patterson, Newark, Del., Alton Foss, formerly of Hialeah, Fla., now residing in Gainesville and Donald Perdue, Hollywood, Fla. Two supporters, Robert Wayne Beverly of Austin and Jack Jennings of Gainesville, have joined the eight. Beverly and Jennings were jailed in Tallahassee when they refused to testify before the grand jury.

In bringing the suit, the attorneys claim no indictment would have been handed up by the grand jury had the members known Goodwin lied to Middlebrooks.

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PEACEFUL PROTEST

No Sleep for Vets

The advance guard of an expected 10,000 protesters spent last night on the Mall trying to live up to provisions of their permit that barred sleeping or camping.

About 150 members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, passed the warm night lounging on sleeping bags or talking in small groups in what their organizers called "political education night."

U.S. Park Police, in uniform and plainclothes, patrolled the area near the bivouac at the foot of the Capitol but reported no incidents during the night. Police said they were prepared to take "appropriate action" if the veterans group attempted to camp at the site in violation of the terms of their permit.

RICH BANGERT of Chicago, one of six national coordinators of the protest, said the group did not want to provoke any confrontation with police.

The group is in town for a series of demonstrations against continued American involvement in Southeast Asia, for the impeachment of President Nixon, and for greater veterans benefits. About 40 of the group yesterday went to the Veterans Administration office to protest what they called inadequate benefits for Vietnam era veterans.

A contigent of that group forced their way past guards in the lobby of the building and demanded to see top VA officials. An agreement was reached that the officials would talk to four if the rest would go outside with the other sign-carrying pickets.

THE VVAW picketed the VA office again today, then marched through some downtown streets chanting slogans.

Demonstrations are slated tomorrow leading up to a noon rally Thursday at the Ellipse at which leaders of the group predicted up to 10,000 will be present.

A separate group of about 15 veterans who are members of the National Bonus March Coalition marched by the VA into nearby Lafayette Park across from the White House yesterday to sell apples to passersby in imitation of earlier-day veterans protests.

The bonus march group attempted to ask the Supreme Court to over-turn the action by the National Park Service in denying them permission to camp at Lafayette Park but a spokesman for the clerk's office said the court would not act on the petition because the court lacked jurisdiction.

LEADERS of the bonus march group say they have no connections with the VVAW protest. The bonus group is calling for increased rights for veterans and improvements in VA hospitals. Leaders of the coalition that includes the American Veterans Movement say they plan to stay here "until Richard Nixon takes action to end the veterans' crisis."

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THE VISITING VETERANS:

—Rousted Out of Park—

By Lance Gay
Star-News Staff Writer

The U.S. Park Service this morning temporarily revoked a permit allowing the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldiers Organization to use the Mall because some of the protesters were sleeping or camping on the site.

However, moments before 150 Park Police — including a 24 man mounted contingent — planned to move in to arrest the demonstrators, the group decamped and an estimated 300 of them marched military style in a long column of threes to the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, where they spent the rest of the night.

RICK ROBBINS, an attorney for the Park Service, said the permit allowing the group to use the Mall as a "staging area" for their planned protests until Thursday would be reinstated today.

Robbins and Park Police had repeatedly warned the group not to camp at the site but many of the demonstrators continued to bed down at the bivouac, sleeping on the grass, in sleeping bags or on large plastic tarpaulins.

The group expected police to rout them from the site if they continued to sleep there. "Tonight I think they're going to kick us out of here," one veteran said shortly after midnight as another standing at a microphone in the center of the site talked about American involvement in Southeast Asia.

Shortly after 1 a.m., a Park policeman and a police photographer strode through the crowd, taking pictures of those who were sleeping. Robbins and Park Police Capt. J. C. Lindsey then met with Sam Shorr of the VVAW coordinating committee and Robbins asked Shorr to order his men to comply with the permit, which specifically barred setting up tents or sleeping on the Mall.

"WE HAVE NO desire to hassle you in the least," Lindsey said. "We just want a demonstration in compliance with the permit. Right now you've got too many people down."

When Shorr refused to try to keep the men awake, Robbins warned him that if the sleeping and camping continued, the permit would be revoked and the group would be arrested if they stayed at the site.

Police checked the situation again at 2:10 a.m. and again asked for compliance with the permit.

Shortly after 3:10 a.m. a police broadcast announced that the permit had been revoked and warned the protestors they faced immediate arrest.

At the same time police in cruisers and on horseback moved into the area with four Metrobuses to be used to carry anyone who was arrested.

The protestors then moved out, chanting "We'll be back, we'll be back," and marched to the Capitol Hill church.

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Angry Over Benefits

By Bruce Howard
Star-News Staff Writer

In the spring of 1971 a little-known group calling itself the Vietnam Veterans Against the War crashed overnight into the role of this country's No. 1 anti-war gadfly when hundreds of its members threw their Vietnam war medals against the steps of the Capitol.

Their protest dominated the media for days and shook even the most resolute hawk.

Now, three years and three months later, the young angry vets are back at the foot of the Capitol. They are no longer trying to save other soldiers from the war; they are trying to save themselves from the "peace."

SPOKESMEN for the Vietnam Veterans Against the War say the group is still fighting the continued U.S. presence in Southeast Asia but rank-and-file members — the ones who have been arriving at the Mall in buses and caravans from Chicago, Ohio points and St. Louis — care more about the battle they feel they are losing at home.

"We're worried about our bread and our butter," said Bob McBriarty, a 26-year-old student and veterans counselor at Deanza College in Cutertino, Calif. "We're here because we're sick of bad medical care, inadequate benefits, and a discharge rating system that stigmatizes GIs for life."

"We're not demanding to be treated like heroes," said John Young, a former member of the Green Berets and a prisoner of war in North Vietnam for five years.

"We're not demanding decent benefits and health care because we think we did a great job over there," he continued. "We thought those things were part of the deal. When we signed up they promised they'd take care of our education and our health. And we believed them."

YOUNG, a fulltime student at Harper College in Palatine, Ill., said he pays his tuition with money his wife saved during the war. "But my friends," he said, "they're getting stepped on. When they go for jobs they're treated like dope addicts, like animals.

"It's like we're the ghosts of Vietnam," he said, "coming back to haunt the country. All right, the war was wrong. It was wasteful and stupid and everybody's sick of hearing about it. But why take it out on us? Because we lost? Because we were the ones who committed the crimes everyone wants to forget?

"Sometimes, when I hear about VA checks coming late and guys selling their cars and dropping out of school, and when I go to the VA hospital and wait six hours and get treated like crap, sometimes I think the country's really got a grudge against us. I just don't understand the way people treat us."

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IN THE LAST two days the vets have been to Lafayette Park to hang President Nixon in effigy and to the Court of Military Appeals to destroy a handful of their much hated discharge classification papers in a symbolic protest.

But the focus of most of the vets' hatred is the Veterans Administration building at 810 Vermont Avenue NW. The vets have rallied at the VA building three times in the last two days and they plan to return at least twice more before the week is out.

Many in the march talked for hours about specific gripes, facts and figures about what some of the protesters called the "World War II Veterans Administration."

They complain that there are too few Vietnam-era vets in leadership positions at the VA, that the VA hospitals are understaffed and overcrowded, and that VA drug treatment clinics substitute methadone maintenance for heroin addiction.

RICH BANGERT, who lives in Chicago and paints houses with his father when he's not working for the VVAW, says the main VA problem is inadequate educational benefits.

"After World War II," he said, "the VA gave single vets $75 a month in living expenses and up to $500 for college fees and tuition.

"In 1948 Harvard's tuition was $525 a year. Now Harvard charges $3,200 a year for tuition alone. Today's vet gets a total of $220 a month for tuition and living expenses. That's $1,980 a school year. That means you owe $1,200 before you start paying for books, food and the rent."

According to Dave Rawson, a worker for the D.C. VVAW chapter, "inadequate educational benefits force vets to go to community colleges and get a part-time job on the side. The Congress is full of World War II vets who went to Harvard and Yale on the GI bill. And what do we get?"

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- UNDER A BAKING SUN, SEVERAL HUNDRED VETERANS MARCHED PEACABLY THROUGH THE CITY THURSDAY, DEMANDING BETTER BENEFITS FOR THEMSELVES AND AMNESTY FOR DRAFT EVADERS.

LED BY A YOUNG WOMAN WITH A BULLHORN, THEY CHANTED, "WHAT DO WE WANT? AMNESTY! WHEN DO WE WANT IT? NOW!" THERE WERE BANNERS FROM NEW YORK, CHICAGO, CINCINNATI AND DAYTON, OHIO.

THEY CARRIED SIGNS SAYING: "UNIVERSAL UNCONDTIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL WAR RESISTERS."

THE DEMONSTRATORS SAT ON THE GRASS NORTH OF THE JEFFERSON MEMORIAL, SANG SONGS AND LISTENED TO SPEECHES. THE FLAGS OF NORTH VIETNAM, THE VIET CONG, THE KHMER ROUGE OF CAMBODIA AND THE PATHET LAO OF LAOS DECORATED A MAKESHIFT ROSTRUM.

THE MARCH WAS SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION. ONE MEMBER SAID THE NAME CAME FROM THOSE "WHO STUCK IT OUT DURING THE WINTER AT VALLEY FORGE -- AND WE'LL STICK IT OUT."

THE GROUP WANTS AN END OF U.S. AID TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENT THIEU AND CAMBODIAN PRIME MINISTER LON NOL, "DECENT BENEFITS" FOR VETERANS, "SINGLE-GRADE DISCHARGE" FOR ALL VIETNAM VETS AND "KICK NIXON OUT."

A SEPARATE GROUP, CALLING ITSELF THE "SECOND AMERICAN BONUS MARCH," HELD ITS OWN DEMONSTRATION, DEMANDING AN END TO "DISGRACEFUL CONDITIONS" IN VA HOSPITALS, AN INCREASE IN RIGHTS FOR ALL VETERANS, "HUMANE HOMES" FOR DISABLED VETERANS, MORE JOBS FOR VETERANS AND EXPANDED PROGRAMS FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING AND FEMALE VETERANS.

THIS DEMONSTRATION WAS SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN G.I. FORUM, AN ORGANIZATION OF 168,000 PREDOMINANTLY CHICANO MEMBERS; THE AMERICAN VETERANS MOVEMENT, WITH 8,000 MEMBERRS, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PUERTO RICAN CIVIL RIGHTS, WITH 25,000 MEMBERS.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- VIETNAM VETERANS BLOODIED IN A RUN-IN WITH POLICE WEDNESDAY VOWED TO AVOID FURTHER CONFRONTATIONS OVER THEIR PERMIT TO STAY ON THE MALL EARLY TODAY IN ORDER TO KEEP THEIR FORCES TOGETHER FOR A NOON RALLY TODAY.

ANOTHER GROUP OF VETERANS, ACTING SEPARATELY FROM THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW-WSO), ALSO WAS IN WASHINGTON FOR AN INDEPENDENCE DAY RALLY DEMANDING IMPROVED BENEFITS AND SERVICES FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

THE NATIONAL BONUS MARCH COALITION OF VETERANS FROM ALL WARS PLANNED TO GATHER IN A PARK SEVERAL MILES FROM THE MALL HEADQUARTERS OF VVAW-WSO AND CONDUCT A SEPARATE RALLY ACROSS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

VVAW-WSO, A MORE POLITICALLY-ORIENTED AND LEFTIST GROUP DEMANDING UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY AND AN END TO U.S. SUPPORT OF CAMBODIA AND SOUTH VIETNAM, PLANNED A MARCH TO THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL AND ANOTHER PARADE DOWN CONSTITUTION AVENUE TO THE ELLIPSE BEHIND THE WHITE HOUSE.

THEY HAVE HAD A PERMIT FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO CONDUCT ALL-NIGHT VIGILS OF POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE MALL NEAR THE CAPITOL.

BUT TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNING, THEY WERE THREATENED WITH ARREST WHEN SOME OF THEM FELL ASLEEP IN THE PARK, A VIOLATION OF THE PERMIT. LATER WEDNESDAY ABOUT 250 VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS BROKE POLICE LINES AS THEY TRIED TO MARCH THROUGH RUSH-HOUR TRAFFIC TO THE CAPITOL.

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A SHOVING MATCH STARTED, AND POLICE CLUBBED AT ~~LEAST A DOZEN~~ PROTESTERS TO THE STREET, INJURING THREE SERIOUSLY ENOUGH TO REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION. FIVE WERE ARRESTED. THE DEMONSTRATORS, HOWEVER, WERE ALLOWED TO HOLD A SMALL RALLY ON CAPITOL HILL.

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A BEARDED MAN WEARING A FATIGUE JACKET CHARGED ~~POLICE LINES~~ YELLING, "I HAD FIVE YEARS AS PRISONER OF WAR, YOU BASTARDS. I'VE GOT MORE RIGHT THAN YOU HAVE TO BE HERE."

AFTER THE VVAW-WSO DEMONSTRATORS WERE PEACEFULLY EVICTED FROM THEIR CAMPGROUNDS EARLY WEDNESDAY BY RIOT-READY FEDERAL POLICE, THEY RETURNED AT DAYLIGHT AND MARCHED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO DEMAND UNIVERSAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FOR SOME, DESPITE THE CEASE-FIRE AND THE LACK OF AMERICAN COMBAT INVOLVEMENT, THE WAR IN VIETNAM IS NOT OVER.

A CONSTANTLY SWELLING SWARM OF VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS MOVED INTO WASHINGTON TUESDAY FOR PROTESTS AT THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND THE COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE DEMONSTRATIONS, PLANNED TO CLIMAX THURSDAY WITH TWO MASS MARCHES BY TWO SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS, HAVE ABOUT THEM THE RING OF THE ANTIWAR DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE HEIGHT OF AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM.

BUT NOW, AS THE CHANTED SLOGANS OF THE MARCHING PROTESTERS SUGGEST, THE ISSUES ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT.

INSTEAD OF "OUT NOW" AND "BRING THE TROOPS HOME," THE MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER OPERATION ARE SHOUTING: "FREE OUR BROTHERS, FREE OUR SISTERS -- AMNESTY FOR WAR RESISTERS."

SOME 350 DEMONSTRATORS BROUGHT ANOTHER OF THEIR COMPLAINTS -- INADEQUATE VETERANS' BENEFITS -- TO THE VA WITH THE CRY: "THEY SAY CUTBACKS, WE SAY FIGHT BACK."

ACCORDING TO VVAW-WSO, THERE IS INADEQUATE BENEFITS FOR VETERANS PLUS A BUREAUCRATIC SYSTEM THAT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE VA TO MEET THE NEEDS OF "THE VETERAN IN THE STREET."

SAM SCHORR, A VVAW-WSO NATIONAL COORDINATOR, TOLD THE CROWD THAT ALL ATTEMPTS TO TALK WITH VA OFFICIALS HAD FAILED.

"WE WILL NOT GO INSIDE THIS BUILDING ANY MORE," SCHORR SHOUTED INTO A BULL HORN. "IF THEY WANT TO TALK TO VETERANS THEY'LL HAVE TO COME OUT ON THE STREETS WHERE THE VETERANS ARE."

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THE DEMONSTRATORS THEN MOVED TO LAFAYETTE PARK FOR A RALLY TO PROMOTE THEIR BELIEF THAT "NIXON SHOULD BE KICKED OUT" OF OFFICE BECAUSE HE REPRESENTS "A MAJOR OBSTACLE" TO ALL OF THEIR DEMANDS.

LATER, THE DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO THE COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS TO DEMAND A SINGLE-TYPE DISCHARGE SYSTEM FOR ALL VETERANS.

"VVAW-WSO BELIEVES THE USE OF THE CURRENT MULTIPLE CLASSIFICATION DISCHARGE SYSTEM AND INADEQUATE BENEFITS POORLY ADMINISTERED, COMPOUND THE PROBLEMS FACING VETERANS TODAY," THE GROUP SAID IN A STATEMENT.

"A LESS-THAN-HONORABLE DISCHARGE CAN BRAND A VETERAN FOR LIFE, SEVERELY LIMITING JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND GOVERNMENT BENEFITS," IT ADDED.

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Antiwar Veterans' Bid For Camp Protest Upset

By Paul W. Valentine
Washington Post Staff Writer

An emergency panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals last night reversed a lower court judge and barred the Vietnam Veterans Against the War from staging a four-day camp-in on the Mall next week.

The veterans—who defied the Supreme Court three years ago by camping on the Mall in a similar protest—say they are coming here 1,000 strong Monday with up to 10,000 expected for a mass march and rally on Thursday, the Fourth of July.

The emergency appellate court panel acted within three hours after U.S. District Court Judge Charles M. Richey granted the veterans permission to sleep on the Mall at the foot of the Capitol.

Attorneys for the veterans say they are considering "further appellate review," possibly on Monday, the day the planned camp-in begins.

Leaders of the group, now called the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization, said last night they will vote later on whether to comply with the court order if it is not lifted Monday.

The VVAW/WSO is calling for President Nixon's ouster, withdrawal of U.S. aid to Cambodia and South Vietnam and improvement of veterans' benefits.

A second organization of veterans also plans a separate mass march and rally on the Fourth and claims it, too, will have up to 10,000 participants.

The American Veterans Movement (AVM), in coalition with two other groups, will stage a march from Meridian Hill Park to Lafayette Park

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where rally speakers will demand improvements in veterans' benefits.

AVM organizers have called their protest the "Second American Bonus March" after the 1932 bonus march in which thousands of World War I veterans converged on the city and were then driven out by tanks and cavalry.

AVM leader Ron Kovic said some participants may attempt to stay on after the Fourth of July and erect a "tent city" at an undisclosed location "and stay there until our demands are met."

In his strongly worded ruling yesterday, Judge Richey flayed the government for using U.S. Park Service regulations to bar what he called constitutionally protected rights of expression.

"These overlapping, ill-defined and imprecise regulations give the government an unfettered license to pick and choose those causes and groups which it seeks to advance," he said. "Any regulation which permits this situation infringes upon the heart and core of freedom of expression and are constitutionally invalid."

At another point, he said, "It matters not against whom the restriction is applied. Divested of this fundamental safeguard, we are but mere puppets of whomsoever may be in power in the executive branch of the government."

In court hearing before Richey earlier this week, government attorneys argued that regulations against camping on the Mall are used to protect parkland values and in no way interfer with demonstrators wishing to express grievances against the government.

The fundamental issue, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Gil Zimmerman, is whether "sleeping is a constitutionally protected form of communication; I do not believe that it is."

When some 600 to 800 VVAW members camped on the Mall in April, 1971, "they got full attention and publicity," he said, "not from sleeping but for the laws they violated . . . blocking the doors of the Supreme Court and getting arrested."

Leonard H. Becker, attorney for VVAW/WSO, countered that establishment of the campsite and its 24-hour-a-day use will create a "large and constant aymbolic focus" on the veterans' protest and is thus a legitimate First Amendment exercise.

Retorted Zimmerman: "I cannot see how a communication is made to Congress or the White House while the protesters are asleep."

Becker contended that the U. S. Park Service "has an ingrained hostility to all political activity . . . on the national greensward." Even so, he said, political groups have been allowed in the past to camp on park property, such as the Poor Peoples Campaign with its Resurrection City in 1968, the bonus marchers in 1932 and the Mayday protesters in 1971.

VVAW demonstrators were barred from camping on the Mall by the Supreme Court in April, 1971. By a vote of 482 to 400, however, they chose to defy the court and slept undisturbed by police ringing the campsite. The next morning, Justice Department attorneys asked that the injunction barring the camp-out be dissolved.

This time, as in 1971, organizers say they do not intend to cook, build fires or otherwise mar the Mall area. Food will be cooked in churches and brought to the campsite. Administrative and medical tents will be erected, they say, but no individual tents for sleeping.

Calling their protest a return "to settle unfinished business of the war," organizers plan marches Tuesday on the Veterans Administration headquarters and the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, a march Wednesday on the Justice Department and the final march Thursday to the Capitol.

Protesters have a five-point demand list: unconditional amnesty for all deserters and draft evaders, withdrawal of aid to the Thieu and Lon Nol governments in Indochina, removal of President Nixon, improved veterans benefits and a single form a military service discharge to replace the honorable and less-than-honorable and less-than-honorable categories now used.

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AMERICAN VETERANS MOVEMENT; INFORMATION CONCERNING DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION (VVAW/WSO) AT WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 1-4, 1974 - IS-VVAW/WSO

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(VETERAN PROTESTERS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PROMISING THAT UP TO 10,000 PROTESTERS COULD CONVERGE ON THE NATION'S CAPITAL ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, THE BONUS MARCH COALITION TODAY APPEALED DIRECTLY TO THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE RIGHT TO CAMP ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

LEADERS OF THE BONUS MARCH COALITION, A NAME OF OF THREE ORGANIZATIONS, FILED A PETITION WITH THE SUPREME COURT ASKING THAT IT FORBID THE ADMINISTRATION FROM BANNING ITS PROPOSED CAMPSITE IN LAFAYETTE PARK ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

IN THEIR PETITION, THE GROUP SAID THEIR ACTION WOULD TAKE MORE THAN ONE DAY AND THAT WAS WHY THEY SOUGHT THE ENCAMPMENT.

BUT THE SUPREME COURT CLERK TOLD THE VETERANS THAT THEIR REQUEST WOULD BE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE "PROCEDURALLY, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT AND THEN TO THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS."

DON KOVIC, A COALITION LEADER, SAID THE GROUPS HAD NO INTENTION OF GOING TO THE LOWER COURTS BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TIME BEFORE THE PROTEST.

ON SATURDAY, THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS BARRED THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR AND WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION FROM MAINTAINING A 24-HOUR SYMBOLIC CAMPSITE ON THE MALL AREA NEAR THE U.S. CAPITOL.

THE VVAW-WSO AND THE BONUS MARCH COALITION ARE HOLDING SEPARATE BUT CONCURRENT DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING VETERANS CONDITIONS, CONTINUED AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM, AND CALLING FOR UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY AND A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER OPERATION (VVAW), THEIR REQUEST TO PITCH CAMP IN THE SHADOW OF THE U.S. CAPITOL DENIED, WENT AHEAD TODAY WITH A PLANNED WEEK OF DEMONSTRATIONS.

ANOTHER VETERANS PROTEST GROUP, HOWEVER, HAS DECIDED TO ASK THE SUPREME COURT TO LET IT CAMP OUT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

A VVAW SPOKESMAN SAID EARLY TODAY HIS GROUP DECIDED TO "STAY ON THE MALL WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE PERMIT," WHICH ALLOWS A 24-HOUR VIGIL AS LONG AS PARTICIPANTS DO NOT SLEEP.

BUT THE THE NATIONAL BONUS MARCH COALITION, IN A PETITION DRAFTED BY ITS MEMBERS AND PRESENTED TO A CLERK AT THE SUPREME COURT MONDAY, ASKED THE JUSTICES TO ALLOW ITS SUPPORTERS, WHICH IT SAID MAY RISE TO AS MANY AS 10,000, TO PITCH CAMP IN LAFAYETTE SQUARE, FOR A PROTEST MARCH ON JULY 4.

THE VVAW ALSO PLANS AN INDEPENDENCE DAY PROTEST MARCH, SEPARATE FROM THE BONUS MARCH. VVAW SPOKESMEN HAVE SUGGESTED THAT BETWEEN 5,000 AND 10,000 VETERANS AND SUPPORTERS ARE EXPECTED FOR THAT MARCH.

IN ADDITION, VVAW PLANS SEVERAL OTHER SMALLER DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THIS WEEK TO HIGHLIGHT DEMANDS FOR UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY, A SINGLE TYPE OF MILITART DISCHARGE AND AN END TO U.S. AID TO THE LON NOL REGIME IN CAMBODIA AND THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU REGIME IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

TODAT, VVAW SAID IT PLANNED TO PICKET THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, THE COURT OF MILITARY APPEALS AND IN LAFAYETTE SQUARE, THE LATTER GATHERING TO "KICK (PRESIDENT) NIXON OUT" OF OFFICE.

THE DECISION TO REMAIN ON THE MALL AT NIGHT FOR POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AND "CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS," SAID VVAW SPOKESMAN JIM RUFER, WAS BASED ON THE EXPECTATION THAT THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT WOULD INFORM THE GROUP IF IT VIOLATED TERMS OF THE PERMIT.

AFTER FAILING TO GET PERMISSION TO CAMP ON THE MALL, THE GROUP SAID IN A STATEMENT: "VVAW-WSO VIEWS ALL THE ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT AS HARRASSMENT. ...THE GOVERNMENT HAS TOTALLY DISREGARDED OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO ASSEMBLE AND PROTEST."

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(VETERAN PROTESTERS)

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ANOTHER PROTEST GROUP, THE NATIONAL BONUS MARCH COALITION, IN A PETITION DRAFTED BY ITS MEMBERS AND PRESENTED TO A CLERK AT THE SUPREME COURT YESTERDAY, ASKED THE JUSTICES TO ALLOW ITS SUPPORTERS TO PITCH CAMP IN LAFAYETTE SQUARE, FOR A PROTEST MARCH ON JULY 4.

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SHOUTING AND CHANTING SLOGANS DEMANDING AMNESTY AND MORE BENEFITS, 350 VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS RALLIED IN FRONT OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION. THEY MARCHED THROUGH DOWNTOWN WASHINGTON CHANTING:
"FREE OUR BROTHERS, FREE OUR SISTERS, AMNESTY TO WAR RESISTERS," AND "THEY SAY CUTBACKS, WE SAY FIGHT BACK."
MANY OF THEM HAD STAYED UP ALL NIGHT TO COMPLY WITH A PARK POLICE PERMIT ALLOWING THEM TO MAINTAIN A 24-HOUR VIGIL ON THE MALL AREA NEAR THE CAPITOL BUT NOT TO SLEEP THERE.
IT WAS THE THIRD TIME IN A WEEK THE VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS -- MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION -- HAD COME TO THE VA BUILDING TO PRESS DEMANDS FOR "DECENT BENEFITS FOR ALL VETERANS AND A SINGLE TYPE DISCHARGE FOR ALL VETERANS."
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(VETERANS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- AT LEAST A DOZEN PROTESTING VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS WERE CLUBBED TO THE GROUND BY CITY POLICE OFFICERS WEDNESDAY WHEN THEY TRIED TO CROSS A POLICE LINE IN A MARCH TO THE CAPITOL.

MEDICS FROM THE VETERANS COALITION CAMPED ON THE MALL NEAR THE CAPITOL BANDAGED THE BLOODIED HEADS OF TWO OF THE PROTESTERS AND POLICE HAULED AWAY AT LEAST FIVE PROTESTERS IN PADDY WAGONS.

THE PROTESTERS BEGAN A MARCH FROM THEIR CAMPSITE TOWARD THE CAPITOL ABOUT 4:30 P.M. EDT, PLANNING TO MARCH DOWN THE CENTER OF BUSY PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE DURING THE EVENING RUSH TRAFFIC HOUR, BUT WERE THREATENED WITH ARREST BY POLICE CAPT. J.E. MAZURE.

"WE DECIDED WE ARE GOING TO MARCH IN THE STREET, AND WE'RE GOING TO," SAID ONE OF THE PROTEST LEADERS, ED DAMATO, TO THE OFFICER.

POLICE, USING 42 MOTOR SCOOTERS, TWICE HEADED OFF EFFORTS BTHE 250-300 MARCHERS TO WALK INTO THE STREETS. BUT THE OFFICERS AND PROTEST LEADERS GOT INTO A SHOVING MATCH TWO BLOCKS FROM THE CAPITOL ON 3RD STREET.

AFTER ABOUT A MINUTE OF SHOVING, POLICE MOVED IN WITH BILLY CLUBS HITTING WELL OVER A DOZEN MARCHERS AS THEY CLEARED THE STREETS.

AS VOLUNTEER MEDICS TREATED TWO OF THE INJURED MARCHERS, CONTINGENT LEADERS DECIDED TO OBEY POLICE. CHANTING, "POLICE ARE THE TOOL OF IMPERIALIST RULE,"THEY MAR

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CAPITOL POLICE HAD SET UP LONG YELLOW SAWHORSE BARRICADES ACROSS THE WIDE STEPS LEADING UP THE WEST SIDE OF THE CAPITOL, AND THE MARCHERS WERE CONFRONTED BY THESE AND MORE THAN 100 OFFICERS WHO REFUSED TO LET THEM GO UP THE STAIRS.

THE PROTESTERS WERE ALLOWED TO HOLD A RALLY, HOWEVER, IN A SMALL, CIRCULAR AREA BEHIND A STATUE OF FORMER U.S. CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN MARSHALL.

THE VETERANS AND SUPPORTERS HAD TO RESTRAIN PHYSICALLY ONE BEARDED PROTESTER WEARING AN ARMY FATIGUE JACKET WHO RAN UP TO POLICE OFFICERS SHOUTING, "I HAD FIVE YEARS AS A PRISONER OF WAR, YOU BASTARDS. I'VE GOT MORE RIGHT THAN YOU HAVE TO BE HERE."

A HALF DOZEN OTHER PROTESTERS GRABBED THE HYSTERICAL MAN AS HE RUSHED TOWARD A POLICE OFFICER AND WRESTLED HIM TO THE GROUN

THE DEMONSTRATTRS EARLY WEDNESDAY MORNING WERE EVICTED FROM THEIR OVERNIGHT CAMPSITE ON THE MALL NEAR THE CAPITOL FOR VIOLATING THE PERMIT ALLOWING THEM ONLY TO MAINTAIN A 24-HOUR VIGIL BUT NOT TO SLEEP THERE.

THEY LATER REASSEMBLED AND MARCHED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO DEMAND UNIVERSAL AND UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY FOR ALL DRAFT RESISTERS AND TO URGE THAT ALL LESS THAN HONORABLY DISCHARGES GIVEN GI'S DURING THE VIETNAM WAR BE UPGRADED TO HONORABLE.

A DEMONSTRATOR CLIMBED A PENNSYLVANIA AVE. STREET POST AND PASTED A SIGN OVER IT READING "UNCONDITIONAL STREET."

DEMONSTRATORS ALSO STENCILED THE DEMAND "UNIVERSAL UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY" IN RED INK ON THE JUSTICE BUILDING.

THEY THEN MADE AN UNSCHEDULED MARCH TO THE U.S. COURTHOUSE WHERE FORMER PRESIDENTIAL AIDE JOHN EHRLICHMAN IS BEING TRIED.

"JAIL HIM," THEY CHANTED. "EHRLICHMAN YOU LIAR, WE'LL SET YOUR ASS ON FIRE."

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(VETERANS)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- CHANTING, CLAPPING VIETNAM VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS TOOK THEIR DEMAND FOR UNCONDITIONAL AMNESTY TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TODAY AND THEN MADE AN UNSCHEDULED STOP AT THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT TO SHOUT "JAIL HIM" OUTSIDE THE JOHN EHRLICHMAN TRIAL.

THE PROTESTERS, 250-300 STRONG, ASSEMBLED AT THEIR ENCAMPMENT ON THE MALL FOR THE LATE MORNING MARCH AFTER BEING EVICTED FROM THE CAMPSITE BY U.S. PARK POLICE DURING THE NIGHT.

AT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, BRIAN ADAMS, A NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, TOLD THE DEMONSTRATORS THAT THE FORMER ALL-VETERANS GROUP WAS JOINING WI "ALL WINTER SOLDIERS TO FIGHT FOR A NEW KIND OF SOCIETY.71, "IN EFF GIVE A DAMN HOW IT IS DONE, DO WHATEVER HAS TO BE DONE TO STOP THES LEARS..."

PRESIDING U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE GERHARD GESELL RULED IN MAY, HOWEVER, THAT NATIONAL SECURITY COULD NOT BE USED AS A DEFENSE, AND SPECIAL WATERGATE PROSECUTOR LEON JAWORSKI NOTED THAT NONE OF THE DEFENDANTS SPECIFICALLY CLAIMED THAT NIXON AUTHORIZED THE BREAK-IN.

WILLIAM FRATES, EHRLICHMAN'S CHIEF LAWYER, CONTINUED IN HIS CROSS-EXAMINATIONS WITH ATTEMPTS TO SHOW THAT WHILE EHRLICHMAN ON AUG. 11, 1971, APPROVED A "COVERT OPERATION" FOR THE WHITE HOUSE "PLUMBERS" TO GET ELLSBERG'S PSYCHIATRIC RECORDS, HE "CERTAINLY DID NOT" KNOW THEY REFERRED TO A BREAKING AND ENTERING OPERATION.

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THE DEMONSTRATION, WHICH LASTED LESS THAN 20 MINUTES, WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT.

AFTER LEAVING THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE DEMONSTRATORS MARCHED TO THE U.S. COURT HOUSE WHERE THE TRIAL OF EHRLICHMAN, A FORMER PRESIDENT TOP AIDE, AND THREE OTHERS, WAS IN PROGRES.

AFTER ABOUT 10 MINUTES OF CHANTING, THE DEMONSTRATORS RETURNED TO THEIR ENCAMPMENT ON THE MALL.

THE VETERANS BEGAN MOVING INTO WASHINGTON TUESDAY TO LAUNCH THEIR PROTESTS.

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Sleep-Short Veterans Contine Protest

After a bloody run-in with police yesterday, Vietnam veterans demonstrating for improved benefits spent a fitful and sleepless night on the Mall preparing for a final round of demonstrations today.

U.S. Park Police, who ousted demonstrators from the area early Tuesday morning for camping and sleeping, kept a watchful eye on about 150 veterans and approximately 50 female companions who stayed awake by singing songs and shouting taunts at police.

THERE WERE no reported incidents. Both the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization and another group calling itself the Second American Bonus March planned demonstrations today.

Yesterday at least ten people, including two policemen, had to be treated for injuries after police and some 400 veterans clashed when the demonstrators tried to cross a police line near the base of the mall in a march to the Capitol.

Eight demonstrators, including one female, were treated at George Washington University Hospital for head and leg injuries, and two broken arms. Two policemen were treated for bruises at Washington Hospital Center. All were released after treatment.

Five demonstrators were arrested during the brief fracas for parading in the street without a permit. The rest retreated back onto the sidewalk and police allowed them to continue their march unimpeded to the Capitol, where spokesmen railed against continued U.S. aid to South Vietnam.

EARLIER in the day a few protestors recieved minor injuries involving a Capitol Police car near 1st Street and Independence Avenue NW. The veterans claimed the car rammed a group of marchers trying to march to the Capitol. Police claimed the car was parked and the demonstrators surrounded it and began rocking and hitting it.

A police spokesman said the officer in the car "carefully extricated himself from the predicament" by slowly driving away.

But [illegible] cial marshal [illegible] people awake and make sure no alcohol or drugs were being consumed.

Rick Robbins, a lawyer for the U.S. Park Service strolled through the crowd late at night and said the assembly "looked real good."

While the marshals kept people on the mall awake, many veterans took turns catching bits of sleep in parked cars, vans and campers nearby.

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By Douglas [illegible]—The [illegible]

A police sergeant and a protester meet face to face and exchange words during the course of a demonstration.

Veterans Evicted but Return

By Paul W. Valentine
and Paul Hodge
Washington Post Staff Writers

Helmeted police early yesterday morning ordered 400 Vietnam veterans and supporters from their demonstration site on the Mall, but the protesters returned during the day for marches to the Capitol and Justice Department.

At least four demonstrators were arrested in the late afternoon. Some protesters also clashed briefly with police early in the morning near the Capitol where leaders of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization claim a Capitol Police scout car rammed into a group of marchers, injuring several. Police disputed the VVAW/WSO account.

At 3:15 a.m., about 175 U.S. Park Police, some mounted on horses, moved against the group on the Mall between 3d and 4th Streets after park service attorneys warned that demonstrators had violated their permit and faced possible arrest for sleeping and using bedrolls. Camping is prohibited by Interior Department regulations.

About 50 demonstrators left immediately, and 350 more grumbling angrily, formed a ragged line and marched out at 3:30 a.m. to a nearby church to avoid arrest.

A police line then swept through the site checking gear and looking for stragglers. No arrests were made.

Police, who had officially revoked the group's permit, reinstated it at 6 a.m. and the protesters began returning.

As the main body of demonstrators marched back from the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th St. SE., toward the Mall, they encountered police in still another in a series of incidents that have almost eclipsed the political purposes of the four-day series of demonstrations—amnesty for all draft resisters, pardon of President Nixon and other demands.

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Veterans Evicted, But Return to Mall

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tempting to enter the Capitol grounds.

The car struck five or six persons, the witnesses said and as other protesters began to beat against the car, the driver sped away. One person, Eugene Lancaster, 31, sustained a knee injury, and was taken to Rogers Memorial Hospital where he was released after x-rays showed no fractures, a hospital spokesman said.

Capitol Police Chief James M. Powell disputed the VVAW/WSO account. He said the scout car, occupied by Officer John B. Swan, 53, was parked when a "belligerent crowd" of 25 to 30 marchers surrounded it and began rocking and pummeling it.

Swan locked the doors and "carefully extricated himself from this predicament" by driving slowly away Powell said. One man who was sprawled across the hood slipped off and evidently injured himself, Powell said.

No arrests were made in the incident.

Both Lancaster and VVAW/WSO press coordinator Chip Berlet, 24, estimated the police car was going 20 miles an hour when it hit the group. But another witness, VVAW/WSO security coordinator Jack Fox, 28, said the car "started inching into the crowd (to stop them from entering the Capitol grounds) and when the vets crowded around, he speeded up."

"He was going real slow at first," said group member Ron Mathews, 23, "but when people surrounded him and started beating on his car, he gunned it. I guess he was scared and panicked. He hit five or six people when he sped off."

Later in the morning, some 325 demonstrators marched from the Mall site to the Justice Department, chanting demands for universal and unconditional amnesty for all draft evaders and military deserters. With many bare-chested and barefooted in the 93-degree heat, they stalled traffic briefly on Pennsylvania Avenue until police stopped them.

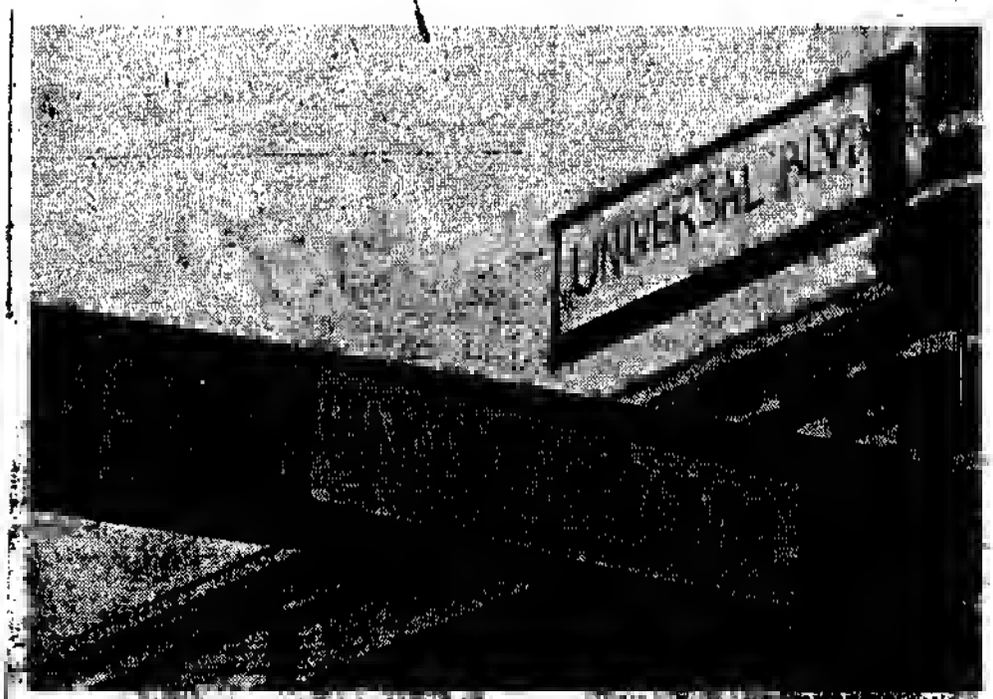
Brian Adams, VVAW/WSO national coordinator, told passerby there are "still 200,000 draft resisters living under cover in this country" who should be granted amnesty. The Justice Department building was heavily guarded by special riot equipped Federal Protection Service officers until the protesters returned to the Mall.

In the late afternoon, at least four persons were arrested as some 350 demonstrators marched to the west steps of the Capitol demanding fuller U.S. compliance with Paris Peace Accords in Vietnam.

When a small group of protesters attempted to march in the street instead of on the sidewalk, D.C. police scuffled with them and arrested at least four. Two officers and at least two demonstrators were reported injured.

By Douglas Chevalier—The Washington Post

Protesters stop at a line police set up at 3d Street and Washington Avenue NW.



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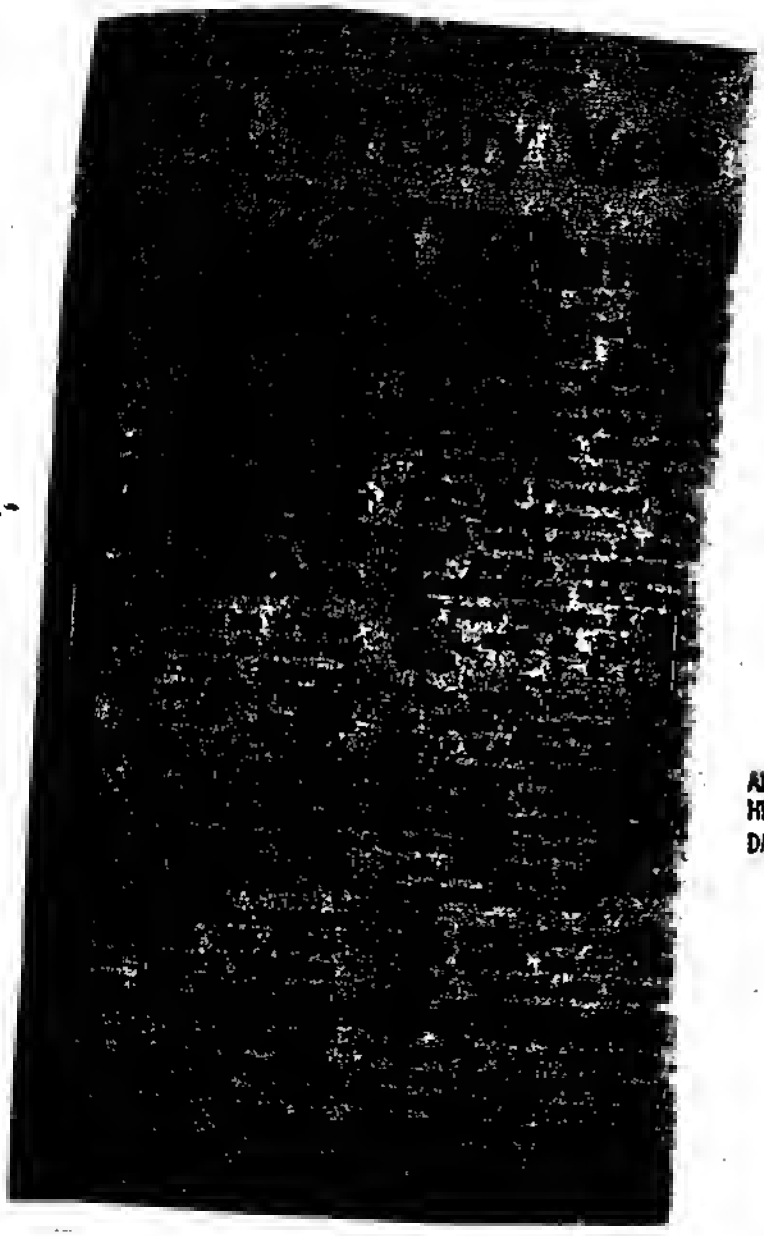

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THEY CARRIED signs and chanted slogans reflecting their five demands. Amnesty for draft resisters, an end to American aid for the South Vietnamese and Cambodian regimes, improved veterans benefits, a single veterans' discharge category and the removal, by impeachment or otherwise, of President Nixon.

The group initially seemed listless, probably because of the terms of their U.S. Park Police permit that forbade sleeping at their Mall encampment. This has kept them on the move for three straight days. The heat didn't help, either.

When they reached the Lincoln Memorial, however, they picked up a waiting crowd of fellow protesters that swelled the ranks to well over 2,000 and injected some enthusiasm into the protest. Whooping and hollering, they circled the Memorial, took a review style salute from two men wearing Nixon and Henry Kissinger masks and moved on to the Ellipse for a rally.

The 90-minute rally featured songs and speeches. As the sun beat down on the shadeless field, the crowd gradually eroded in favor of shade trees, refreshment stands and water fountains.

AFTER THE RALLY, a group of about 200 Zippies tried to join their ranks but were rebuffed by the vets. The Zippies, who had promised a marijuana smoke-in, began smoking some hand-rolled cigarettes, but the mass smoke-in failed to catch on and they took off for the Washington monument, ignored by police.

The VVAW ranks, almost exclusively white and about one-fourth female, had a smattering of World War I and II veterans, some sporting their American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars headgear. Among the marchers, many of whom had traveled here from New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, were men carrying stark reminders of one legacy of the Vietnam war. Some were limbless, while others had badly scarred bodies and disfigured faces and limbs — all of them anxious to flaunt their wounds as if to add emphasis to their anger.

After the rally, the bulk of the protesters moved back to their Mall encampment and in the biggest display of enthusiasm of the day, stomped, cheered, clapped and danced for about 20 minutes and promised to return next year.

Demonstrating veterans cool off at the fountain just south of the Ellipse.

—Star-News Photographer Gadsby

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- ANGRY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICANS VETERANS MOVEMENT, FRUSTRATED BY WHAT THEY SAID WAS A LACK OF OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THEIR PEACEFUL PROTESTS, TODAY STAGED A SIT-DOWN IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND ATTEMPTED TO TAKE OVER THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.
A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AVM SAID THAT FOUR VETERANS STAGING THE SITDOWN IN THE WHITE HOUSE WERE "OPENING NEGOTIATIONS WITH (PRESS SECRETARY RONALD) ZIEGLER'S OFFICE" BUT THAT THE DEMONSTRATORS WOULD NOT LEAVE UNTIL THEY HAD TALKED WITH ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.
THE SECRET SERVICE SAID NONE OF THE WHITE HOUSE DEMOSTRATORS WERE ARRESTED AND "THERE WAS NO POLICE ACTION."
"WE FILED A PETITION WITH THE SUPREME COURT WHICH WAS NEVER ANSWERED, OUR PEACEFUL PICKETING WAS IGNORED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. "NOW WE ARE TAKING MORE DRASTIC ACTION."
RON KOVIC, A NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE AVM, IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO UPI, SAID THAT ANOTHER CONTINGENT OF THE VETERANS HAD SEIZED THE TOP OF THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.
BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PARK POLICE SAID THAT WHILE IT WAS TRUE ABOUT HALF A DOZEN VETERANS WERE IN THE MONUMENT BUILDING, "THE TAXPAYERS STILL OWN THE MONUMENT."
THE AVM SPOKESMAN IDENTIFIED THE FOUR VETERANS IN THE WHITE HOUSE SIT-DOWN AS WILLIAM UNGER, 26, LOS ANGELES, AN EX-MARINE AND NATIONAL COORDINATOR OF THE AVM; ALFREDO CABRERA, 26, LISISON BETWEEN THE AVM AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PUERTO RICAN CIVIL RIGHTS; ARTHUR HURCUM, 52, A WORLD WAR II VETERAN FROM VERO BEACH, FLA.; AND JOHN PODGURSKY, 64, AN EX-U. S. NAVY MAN, FROM LAS VEGAS, NEV.
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don't have a heart problem." None apparently did, she added.

SHORTLY after the monument takeover, the Star-News newsroom received a telephone call purportedly from the elevator at the top.

The caller identified himself as Ron Kovic, a paraplegic, and said his group consisted of Vietnam veterans prepared to begin a hunger strike.

Calling for an end to the "national veterans' crisis," he listed grievances including a need for improving veterans' hospitals and prompt dispatching of veterans checks.

At the White House, Richard Boyle, who describes himself as a San Francisco journalist and a spokesman for the American Veterans Movement, said he and four other men and two women entered the Executive Mansion with a tour, planning first to take over the library.

"But they must had been tipped off," Boyle said, because a Secret Service man spotted one of the demonstrators and said, "There's (Bill) Unger, 26, an AVM member."

UNGER SAID he and three others broke from the line, passed through an unlocked door, locked it, ran down a flight of stairs into a room, and then into a bathroom, which they barricaded for 44 minutes. They came out after a White House spokesman promised there would be no arrests.

Boyle said he then left the White House and called White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler's office from a telephone booth in Lafayette Park. He said he told the office that his group wanted to negotiate.

Boyle then returned to the White House and joined the veterans inside in talking to White House officials. He said three points were agreed upon: Nobody wanted violence; the President was aware that the veterans were in the White House and that the White House wanted to "positively" discuss the veterans' complaints.

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A PARK POLICE SPOKESMAN LATER SAID FIVE PERSONS WERE CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL ENTRY FOR TAKING OVER THE ELEVATOR AND STAYING IN FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR INSIDE THE MONUMENT BEFORE POLICE REGAINED CONTROL.

KOVIC, WHO IS CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR, WAS ONE OF THOSE ARRESTED.

THE PARK POLICE SAID THE FIVE ARRESTED DEMONSTRATORS GOT INTO THE MONUMENT ELEVATOR AT 11:13 A.M., TOOK IT TO THE TOP AND FORCED THE ELEVATOR OPERATOR TO GET OUT ON THE TOP. THE FIVE TOOK THE ELEVATOR ABOUT HALFWAY DOWN THE MONUMENT WHERE POLICE FINALLY ARRESTED THEM MORE THAN AN HOUR LATER.

POLICE SAID A FEW PERSONS WERE STRANDED AT THE TOP, AND POLICE HAD TO WALK THEM DOWN. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MONUMENT WAS REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC BY 2 P.M.

IN ADDITION TO KOVIC, THOSE ARRESTED WERE ALVIN HUNT, COSTA MESA, CALIF.; MICHAEL OLIVER, LAS VEGAS; JEROME LATSKO, SAN FRANCISCO; AND STANLEY MICHELSEN, GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY GERALD WARREN SAID THE WHITE HOUSE GROUP "WAS ASSURED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT VETERANS AND THAT ALL THE ISSUES THEY MENTIONED ALREADY WERE UNDER REVIEW AT THE DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT."

ASKED IF NIXON KNEW OF THE GROUPS PRESENCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE, WARREN SAID "THE PRESIDENT EITHER HAS BEEN OR WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS INCIDENT".

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PROTESTS 7-10

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BY DAVID E. ANDERSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- POLICE HERE TUESDAY ARRESTED ONE GROUP OF PROTESTERS WHO DIDN'T EXPECT IT AND REFUSED TO ARREST OTHERS, WHO SOUGHT IT.

THE TURN OF EVENTS CAME TUESDAY AS ONE GROUP SEEKING TO END THE "NATIONAL VETERANS CRISIS" AND ONE SEEKING AN END TO AMERICAN AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM STAGED SEPARATE DEMONSTRATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

BOTH GROUPS, MIFFED AND CONFUSED BY THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE, SAID THEY PLANNED NEW ACTIONS IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL TODAY.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, FOUR VETERANS BROKE OFF FROM A TOUR GROUP AND BEGAN A SIT-DOWN DEMONSTRATION IN A RESTROOM, DEMANDING TO SEE WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

AT THE SAME TIME, FIVE VETERANS FROM THE SAME GROUP OCCUPIED THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT ELEVATOR.

THE FOUR IN THE WHITE HOUSE MET WITH ROGER SENERAD OF THE WHITE HOUSE DOMESTIC COUNCIL AND PRESENTED THEIR GRIEVANCES, CENTERING ON JOBS, DISCHARGE REVIEWS, A GREATER SAY IN VETERANS' POLICY-MAKING DECISIONS AND EXPANSION OF VETERANS OUTREACH PROGRAMS TO MINORITY VETERANS.

AT THE SAME TIME, U.S. PARK POLICE ARRESTED THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT PROTESTERS, APPARENTLY DESPITE A PROMISE BY SENERAD THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE ARRESTED.

SHORTLY AFTER THE VETERANS' ACTIONS, ANTIWAR ROMAN CATHOLICS MARCHED FROM THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT TO THE CAPITOL WITH A REPLICA OF A SOUTH VIETNAMESE "TIGER CAGE" PRISON CELL.

ABOUT 80 DEMONSTRATORS RALLIED AT THE COURT WHERE FOUR MEMBERS OF A RELATED GROUP WERE BEING TRIED FOR SPILLING BLOOD ON FILES AT THE OFFICES OF VIETNAM OVERSEAS PROCUREMENT IN APRIL.

A DOZEN OF THE DEMONSTRATORS, INCLUDING THE REV. PHILIP BERRIGAN, WHO MARCHED TO THE CAPITOLM SAID THEY WERE READY TO BE ARRESTED IN THE ATTEMPT TO DELIVER THE JAIL TO THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE.

BUT AFTER MORE THAN AN HOUR OF CONFERENCES BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND POLICE, WHO REFUSED TO ARREST THEM, THE PROTESTERS WERE ALLOWED TO PLACE THE TIGER CAGE 10 FEET FROM THE MAIN TOURIST ENTRANCE TO THE CAPITOL.

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Antiwar Veterans Broaden Perspective

Paul [illegible] en the [illegible] Post Staff Writer

Kie[illegible] iron out [illegible] ast is gonna pout [illegible] ers [illegible] ties are gonna [illegible] you are [illegible] ese four lines of doggerel pasted on a wall in the downtown office of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldier Organization reflect a basic transformation the VVAW/WSO has undergone since was here to demo[illegible] against the [illegible] en[illegible] three years ago.

In April, 1971, [illegible] eterans camped on the Mall as a tightly knit ad hoc group with a single unadorned demand—end the war [illegible]

Two weeks ago, the organization, its membership now broadened to include non-veterans, returned to the Mall with an assortment of five demands embroidered with a great deal of flashy Marxist rhetoric and a public analysis linking U.S. economic woes to class repression at home and the strife in Indochina to U.S. imperialism abroad.

Their four days of rallies and marches ended, several VVAW/WSO leaders reviewed the events with a reporter and concluded that they had achieved their goal—increased public awareness of what they feel is a causal relation between veterans' specific problems and general U.S. political and economic repression.

In 1971, said Chip Berlet, 24, press coordinator for [illegible] SO, [illegible] deal with the sympto[illegible] the [illegible] In 1974 we are dealing [illegible] the entire disease.

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"We are a mass organization," he said with a loose membership of more than 25,000. "We have [illegible] radicals, [illegible] minists, Dem[illegible] Republicans, [illegible] anarch[illegible] We are [illegible] ted as anti-imperialist [illegible] out [illegible] week [illegible] em nstrations [illegible] cially the final Fo[illegible] rally attended [illegible] July [illegible] 000 protes[illegible] on [illegible] lipse revoluti[illegible] and chants [illegible] the air as th[illegible] cro[illegible] cheered.

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cially [illegible] the veterans and their supporters, are making new demands on five broad fronts: end U.S. aid to South Vietnam and Cambodia and require fuller U.S. compliance with the Paris Accords, remove President Nixon from office, grant unconditional and universal amnesty to all draft evaders and military deserters, abolish the four present less-than-honorable military discharge categories and improve GI financial benefits.

Organizers say they succeeded in penetrating public awareness of these issues during their most recent demonstrations despite police efforts to prevent it.

Citing several police-demonstrator clashes that occurred during the week, Berlet said, "They were trying to provoke a situation. . . They were trying to obscure our purpose with a lot of headlines about police action, but they failed."

"The police strategy," said Jean Friedman, 29, California-Nevada coordinator for VVAW/WSO, "was first to either stop or diminish the demonstrations, or failing that, to make police confrontation and issue and thereby overshadow our purpose."

The VVAW/WSO had originally asked to camp on the Mall at the foot of the Capitol as a 24-hour-a-day symbolic and political gesture, but was denied permission by the Interior Department and defeated in a court attempt to reverse the department.

Demonstrators were given limited permission to remain on the Mall around the clock but, in accordance with park regulations, were not permitted to sleep on grass.

For many of the 300 to 400 veterans and supporters on the Mall, the four-day action became an endurance test in which they attempted to stay awake all night in such small numbers and for such short periods that police observers would not intervene.

As it was, U.S. Park Police ordered the entire group off at 6:30 a.m. July 3 after scores of exhausted protesters fell asleep. The group returned later in the day, however, clashing briefly with police on at least two occasions. Some 20 demonstrators and several policemen were injured.

The demonstrations lacked the drama and immediacy of the VVAW action here in April, 1971, at the peak of the turbulent anti-war movement.

At that time, hundreds of veterans, some crippled and in wheelchairs, came in the ragged remains of their uniforms, camped in defiance of a Supreme Court ruling against them as police looked on, marched throughout the city in disciplined ranks and in a final gesture of repudiation threw their war medals on the Capitol steps.

Their duty campsite on the Mall attracted an international press, and several congressmen and senators visited the site. There was the [illegible] military [illegible] the veterans pitched [illegible] dash tents and conveniently [illegible] Rago.

Last week, in contrast, they were few [illegible] that many of the [illegible] leaders were [illegible] Blue jeans and T-shirts were far more common than battle fatigues.

More women and children were present. The organization recently broadened its membership to allow persons other than veterans, and this was reflected in the crowd. Although there were many old hands who had been at the VVAW encampment in 1971, there was also a wide assortment of younger veterans, draft evaders and other civilian war resisters.

With the street demonstrations now ended, leaders say they are returning to their regions to push their five demands by holding forums and talks, counseling individuals on amnesty and military discharge matters and continuing a general "education" program.

"We came here to demonstrate on the five demands," national VVAW coordinator Eddie Damato said, "We did that. Now we're going back to our communities."

Veterans against the war [illegible] Street headquarters. From left, [illegible]

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Judge Richey Criticized For Allowing Vets' Camp

by David Pike
Washington Star-News Staff Writer

A U.S. Court of Appeals panel has strongly criticized U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey for his decision last month to allow members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War to camp on the Mall.

The appeals court judges reversed Richey only hours after his June 28 decision, and yesterday in a written opinion explaining their action scored Richey for his "failure to defer to and follow the Supreme Court's 1971 order . . . concerning the same litigants and resolving the same legal issues."

REFERRING to Richey's stress on the veterans' right to a camping permit based on their right of free speech, the judges said, "Camping overnight in a public park has no more relevance to free speech, than, say, digging latrines in a public park, and we think that the U.S. Park Service may regulate both."

"The sensitivity of the District Court this year to the need for media coverage of the symbolic campsite as a focal point is a distortion of 1st Amendment values," the appeals panel said. "What the litigant's press agent seeks and what the public interest requires differ widely. Although every man is entitled to make his remonstrance, no man is entitled to make such a remonstrance that it will be carried on all three television networks."

THE APPEALS panel of Judges George E. MacKinnon and Malcolm R. Wilkey also hit Richey's implication that the ban on camping had not been uniformly enforced because Park Service officials had allowed such events as "all-night rock concerts, (of which there was no evidence in the record), the annual Fourth of July fireworks display at the Washington Monument (which terminates before midnight) and the Sylvan Theater summertime Shakespeare productions."

BUT THE MAIN thrust of the appeals opinion was that Richey "nowhere in (his) 10-page opinion mentioned the Supreme Court's decision in 1971," in which it upheld a ruling by District Court Judge George L. Hart Jr. banning camping on the Mall.

Hart, ruling on an injunction request by the Justice Department to prevent the veterans from establishing a base camp from April 19 to 23, 1971, banned all "camping" and said the veterans could demonstrate on the mall only from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Hart was quickly overruled by the appeals court, and the veterans established a campsite. But two days later the Supreme Court vacated the appeals court decision and reinstated the ruling by Hart.

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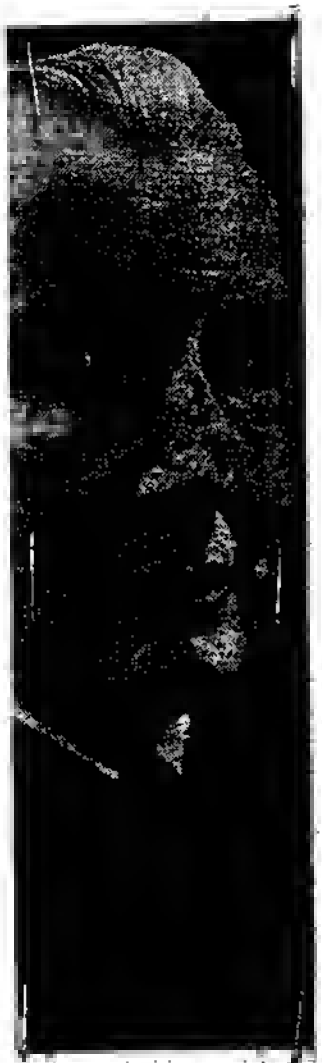

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(VETERAN PROTEST)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- DISGRUNTLED VETERANS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS MARCHED TO A WASHINGTON VETERANS' ASSISTANCE CENTER TODAY AND BURNED SOME 150 DISCHARGE PAPERS, PROTESTING THE MILITARY'S MULTIPLE DISCHARGE SYSTEM.

THE DEMONSTRATION, SPONSORED BY VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR-WINTER SOLDIER ORGANIZATION, DREW ABOUT 40 PROTESTERS, WHO MARCHED THROUGH A NORTHEAST WASHINGTON GHETTO CHANTING SLOGANS AND WAVING SIGNS.

TIM BUTZ, A VIETNAM VETERAN AND NOW A MOVEMENT ORGANIZER, TOLD THE SMALL CROWD, "WE WANT NOTHING BUT JUSTICE; WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR MORE THAN OUR SHARE."

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INVENTED CONSPIRACY TRIALS TO DENY JUSTICE TO A WHOLE SERIES OF POLITIGAL AGTIVISTS.

"BUT WE'LL CONTINUE TO CONSPIRE UNTIL THE WALLS OF THAT BUILDING (THE VA ASSISTANCE CENTER) GOME TUMBLING DOWN AND THE VA MEETS OUR DEMANDS," BUTZ SAID.

THE DEMONSTRATION WAS PEACEFUL AND UNEVENTFUL AND ONLY GREW TENSE ONCE, WHEN THE DEMONSTRATORS BEGAN TO LEAVE THE STREETS TO RALLY IN FRONT OF A GROCERY STORE, CHANTING:

"BOYCOTT LETTUCE, BOYCOTT GRAPES, BOYCOTT EVERYTHING GALLO MAKES."

THE REFERENCE WAS TO CESAR CHAVEZ' UNITED FARM WORKERS BOYCOTT OF TABLE GRAPES AND ICEBERG LETTUCE AND GALLO-MADE WINES.

AS THE DEMONSTRATORS STARTED TO LEAVE THE STREETS, METROPOLITAN POLICE ON MOTORSCOOTERS DROVE ONTO THE SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE STORE TO BLOCK THE DEMONSTRATORS. AFTER A FEW MINUTES OF SLOGAN SHOUTING, THE DEMONSTRATORS LEFT THE STORE FOR THE VA CENTER.

AT THE CENTER THE DEMONSTRATORS STAYED FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR, CHANTING SLOGANS AND LISTENING TO BRIEF SPEECHES BY VETERANS BEFORE THEY BEGAN BURNING THE DISCHARGE PAPERS.

AFTER IT WAS OVER, AND THEY REASSEMBLED FOR THE MARCH BACK TO THE CARS, THREE VETERANS SWEPT UP THE ASHES FROM THE SMALL BONFIRE.

"WE'LL MAIL IT TO THE VA," ONE SAID.

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Demonstrators disrupt official parade

By GENE TOURNOUR

NEW YORK, Nov. 11 — Members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Winter Soldier Organization, placed a series of militant demands squarely at the forefront of today's official celebration of Veterans Day.

Five hundred veterans and their families, amid flying banners, set up opposite the reviewing stand at 23rd Street and Fifth Avenue and shouted demands for improved veterans benefits.

"VA says cutback, we say fightback," chanted the throng of demonstrators as the military officials and government officials on the reviewing stand were forced to shift their attention from the lead columns of the official parade.

TV and radio announcers and newspaper reporters scrambled down Fifth Avenue to focus on the VVAW protest.

Hugh Carey, New York governor-elect and Mayor Abraham Beame stood tightlipped on the reviewing stand as shouts broke out of, "We don't want no VA jive — peace and benefits to survive."

Curbed by police

The protesting veterans had assembled at 9 a.m. uptown at 38th St. and Park Ave. They were then warned by police that if they attempted to enter the line of march of the official parade down Fifth Avenue they would be arrested.

Police officers also forbade them to unfurl their banners, but with [illegible] the veterans marched [illegible] 38th Street down Madison Ave., parallel to the official parade coming down Fifth Avenue.

At 28th Street a band of about 45 cut over to Fifth Avenue despite frantic efforts of the police to block them. That group, waving placards and chanting demands, marched down the sidewalk of Fifth Avenue alongside the leading ranks of the official parade past the reviewing stand. At the reviewing stand a phalanx of cops shoved the group across Fifth Avenue toward the main VVAW gathering across from the reviewing stand.

Later the protesting veterans marched to the Veterans Administration offices at 24th Street and 7th Ave., where they picketed and distributed leaflets until noon.

Demands listed

Among the demands listed by the VVAW on the leaflets were: "Decent benefits for all vets; a single type discharge for all vets; universal, unconditional amnesty; end all aid to Thieu and Lon Nol."

In addition to VVAW members from New York City, there were members from Jersey City and Newark, N.J., and from Westchester, Putnam, Old Westbury and Nassau counties in New York.

Several demonstrators carried signs with the legend "How about a good job instead of a parade?" This referred to the officially recorded joblessness rate of 8.9 percent for veterans between 20 and 24 years of age, and the unemployment rate of 18.9 percent for non-white veterans of the same age category.

A spokesman for the VVAW charged that "Congress and Ford are still trying to put the brakes on increasing and extending the GI Bill, claiming vets should be 'Warriors against inflation.'"

The group demands a restoration of funds slashed from the Disabled Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Program, which pays for tuition, books and living expenses for veterans.

The VVAW also opposes the Ford amnesty program, which, it declares, penalizes veterans with bad discharges who are "the largest group of resisters and the ones who are mainly working class, as well as Black, Latin, Asian and other minority group members."

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RESISTANCE GROWS AGAINST ARMS BUDGET

By TIM WHEELER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 — A major battle to force Congress to slash President Ford's $94 billion 1976 Pentagon budget is developing here.

Anti-war activists cite several developments as evidence of a mounting opposition to military spending, fueled in part by the deepening economic crisis. When 10,000 jobless auto workers rallied here Feb. 5 they reserved their loudest ovation for a speech by Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY) demanding a sharp cut in military spending and a total cutoff of $1.6 billion in handouts to Saigon dictator Nguyen Van Thieu.

Similarly 3,000 peace activists converged on Washington Jan. 25-27 for an Assembly to Save the Peace Treaty in Vietnam. The turnout was four times that expected by its organizers.

Leaders of the peace movement today lashed President Ford and Congress for ignoring this growing majority mandate for a cut in military spending.

One critic pointed out that despite a big Democratic majority last year, Congress handed President Nixon virtually untouched his $85 billion military budget and even rammed through some multi-million dollar military items he had not requested.

Military spending has become the major cause of inflation, deepening economic depression, and cuts in social services for the people, this leader said.

"What we need is an across-the-board cut in military spending," said Edith Villastrigo, a leader of Women Strike for Peace. "The Trident submarine and the B1 bomber should be cut out. The Vladivostok Agreement also should be accepted with no conditions and no strings attached. We want the Administration to negotiate more cuts in strategic weapons. We want numbers of missiles that we have now cut in half. It is important to start a downward trend in armaments to halt the arms rare. It's more important than ever because of the economic crisis."

Pauline Rosen, a leading member of Women Strike for Peace, told the Daily World here recently, "The funds the U.S. is spending for nuclear weapons will not give jobs to the unemployed or reduce soaring food prices. The nuclear arms race increases the danger of war in Indochina, in the Middle East and is an obstacle to the development of detente and the movement for universal disarmament."

She blasted Ford's request for

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more funds for Indochina, "when millions are jobless, when the cost of living is soaring, when hunger is spreading around the land."

Anti-war forces, she said, will convene a "People's Summit Conference for a Drastic Cutback in Military Spending" in Chicago, April 5-6.

John Holum, an aide to Sen. George McGovern (D-SD) said McGovern's 1972 election campaign proposal for a $30 billion cut in military spending is "more relevant than ever," considering the nation's 8.2 percent jobless rate and inflation of over 12 percent last year.

"The U.S. is in a good strategic location with friendly neighbors on our borders and oceans to the east and west," said Holum. "Only $30 to $35 billion of the Pentagon budget is related to defense of the continental U.S.," he said. The $60 to $65 million balance, he added, is "the enormously costly" amount the Pentagon spends to keep 420,000 U.S. troops abroad in Europe, Asia, etc.

Holum cited the Pentagon's own calculations that had cost U.S. taxpayers $17 billion each year to keep 200,000 U.S. troops in Western Europe.

This is exactly the amount that President Ford proposes to slash in spending for public service jobs, housing, health care, welfare and education programs in his 1976 budget.

On the other hand, Ford requested an increase of $8 to $9 billion for the Pentagon this year and budget authority to spend $105 billion. His long-range budget forecast is for Pentagon spending to rise to $149 billion by 1980. Given the consistent understatement by Ford advisers of these disastrous figures, the actual military spending could go even higher.

Holum said a cut in U.S. troops overseas is critically important to reverse the growth in military spending.

Bring home the troops

"We should bring home the divisions in South Korea and withdraw troops from Thailand," he said. "We should cut troops in Germany."

Congress is already vacillating on the question. Members of Congress for Peace Through Law sent a letter to President Ford last week signed by 82 Senators and Representatives asking him to drop his request for aid to Indochina and to fight "inflation, domestic recession, and growing shortages of necessary raw materials," as proof that the nation can no longer afford to keep Saigon dictator Thieu afloat.

But MCTL, an influential group in past efforts to trim military spending, has not appointed any of its members to head the Committee on Military Spending. Unlike past years, no list of weapons systems that should be scrapped has been drawn up by the group.

Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wis.) prepared for the group in December proposals for $8.5 billion in military cuts, including deletion of $5.2 billion for air crafts, missiles and ship procurement. Aspin also proposed a $2.5 billion cut in funds for military manpower.

But anti-war leaders charged that these are "token" cuts considering Ford's proposals for cuts in social programs and the disastrous state of the economy.

Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.), the right wing Dixiecrat, is leading reactionary attempts to maneuver around demands for cuts in military spending.

The liberal bloc in Congress will have to sharply increase its proposals for cutbacks in military spending to reverse the economic slide, critics charge.